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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: SYSTEM FOR BROWSING A COLLECTION OF INFORMATION UNITS

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 13 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. A system as claimed in claim 1, said attribute value being defined with respect to a first attribute, said attribute means being adapted to determine a set of valid attribute values for a further attribute in dependence on said criterion.

5. A system as claimed in claim 1, said information units comprising audio and/or video information.

6. A system as claimed in claim 1, the system further comprising user-operable skip means for controlling the random